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COPPS AND ADELSTEIN ANNOUNCE AGENDA FOR FORUM ON MEDIA CONCENTRATION IN ST. PAUL, MN ON DECEMBER 9

Washington, DC – Commissioners Michael J. Copps and Jonathan S. Adelstein today announced the agenda for the forum on media concentration to be held in St. Paul, MN. The forum is being held Thursday, December 9, 2004, from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM, in Sundin Music Hall at Hamline University.

The hearing will be organized into two panels – "Local News and Information," and "Media Diversity." After the panels, there will be an opportunity for members of the general public to make comments.

The purpose of the hearing is to give citizens outside of Washington, DC, an opportunity to voice their opinions about media consolidation and to offer comments on how the agency can develop protections that provide citizens with viewpoints from a diversity of sources and enhance the marketplace of ideas.

The forum is open to the public and seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. All interested persons are invited to attend.

ST. PAUL TOWN MEETING Sundin Music Hall Hamline University

Thursday, December 9, 2004 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Michael J. Copps, Commissioner, FCC Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner, FCC Dr. Larry Osnes, President, Hamline University

7:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. Panel Discussion: Local News and Information

Moderator: *George Latimer*, Professor, Macalester College; former Mayor of St. Paul

Colleen Aho, Executive Director, American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (AFTRA), Twin Cities Local

Ken Goldstein, Professor, University of Wisconsin

Robert W. Hubbard, Vice President, Hubbard Broadcasting and President, Hubbard Television

Bob Bundgaard, President, KLKS-FM, Breezy Point, MN Al Christopherson, President, Minnesota Farm Bureau

8:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Panel Discussion: Media Diversity

Moderator: *George Latimer*, Professor, Macalester College; former Mayor of St. Paul

Nicholas Johnson, Professor, University of Iowa College of Law; former Commissioner, FCC

Janis Lane-Ewart, Executive Director, KFAI Lorena Duarte, Editor, La Prensa de Minnesota

Sarah Nelson, Assistant News Director, KUOM, Univ. of Minnesota

9:00 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. Break

9:15 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Public Comments

Moderator: *Elizabeth Nordling*, League of Women Voters of Minnesota